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REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application is requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This submission is in response to the final rejection. Claims 41-71 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-40 were previously canceled. Applicant reserves the right to present a divisional applications on the non-elected inventions and species.

New claims 72-85 are presented for examination on the merits. It is believed that the new claims are patentable over the prior art of record and satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. While Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's position with respect to the proviso provision as being new matter for reasons of record, in order to advance the prosecution, the objected to proviso has not been carried over into the new claims.

Claims 72-83 and 88 are readable on the elected species, even though the Examiner found the original elected species free of prior art.

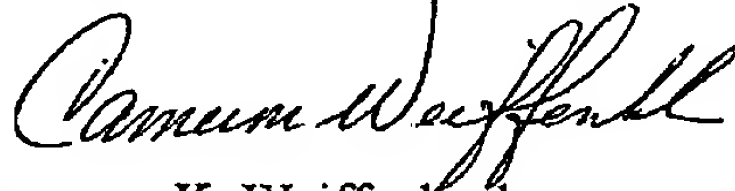
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